



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 706

Chairperson: Bob Kremer
Committee: Agriculture
Date of Hearing: February 15, 2005

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 706 eliminates county clerks' responsibilities for fence viewing committees used to resolve fence disputes; amends the Farm Mediation Act; and transfers resolution of fence disputes to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Farm Mediation Service.

Landowners must request, in writing, mediation services for any fence dispute. The mediator will examine the fence and meet with both parties. The mediator's decision is final when filed with the county clerk. A mediation agreement signed by both parties is a binding legal contract.

Mediators will be entitled to fees not to exceed actual costs which will be borne equally by both parties.

LB 706 has an operative date of July 1, 2005 and contains the emergency clause.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Vickie D. McDonald